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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 97 and in compliance with Rule 56, Applicant hereby makes of record the item listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed item is enclosed.

This item does not disclose the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

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Respectfully submitted,

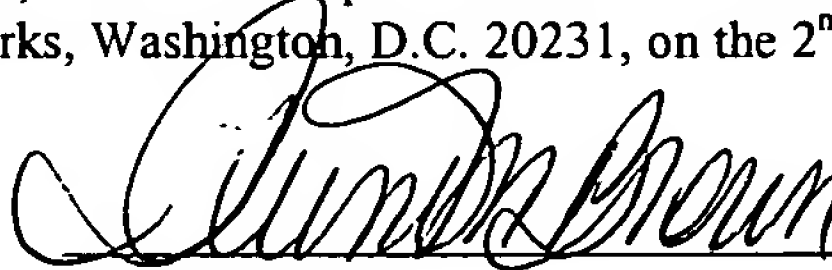
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